



**What is claimed is:**

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ An improved action in a firearm of ~~Claim 1, wherein~~  
~~said biasing means comprises~~ having a grip, a receiver, a forwardly extending barrel and a  
trigger, the improvement comprising:

(a) a firing pin;

(b) means for motivating said firing pin from a cocked position to an  
uncocked position;

(c) an igniter;

(d) means for biasing said igniter away from said firing pin comprising:

(i) a spool having a shaft provided with a top and a bottom, wherein  
said top is provided with a first opening, wherein said bottom is  
provided with a second opening, wherein said second opening is  
larger than said first opening;

(ii) a spring coupled to said bottom of said spool, and

(e) means for moving said igniter against said biasing means into a firing  
position in which said igniter is in contact with said firing pin when said  
firing pin is in said uncocked position.

3. (Original) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 2, further comprising a first  
flange coupled to said top of said spool and a second flange coupled to said bottom of said spool,  
further comprising means for preventing passage of said first flange and said second flange past  
a predetermined point.

4. (Currently amended) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 2, ~~wherein said igniter comprises~~further comprising a resilient jacket provided around a ~~primer~~said igniter.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) ~~The~~An improved action in a firearm of ~~Claim 7~~, wherein ~~said biasing means comprises~~comprising:

(a) a firing pin;

(b) means for motivating said firing pin from a cocked position to an uncocked position;

(c) an igniter;

(d) means for biasing said igniter away from said firing pin, and wherein said biasing means comprises:

(a)(i) a spool having a shaft provided with a top and a bottom, wherein said top is provided with a first opening, wherein said bottom is provided with a second opening, wherein said second opening is larger than said first opening; and

(b)(ii) a spring coupled to said bottom of said spool.

(e) means for moving said igniter against said biasing means into a firing position in which said igniter is in contact with said firing pin when said firing pin is in said uncocked position.

9. (Original) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 8, further comprising a first flange coupled to said top of said spool and a second flange coupled to said bottom of said spool,

further comprising means for preventing passage of said first flange and said second flange past a predetermined point.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) An improved firearm comprising:

- (a) a grip;
- (b) a receiver;
- (c) a forwardly extending barrel;
- (d) a trigger;
- (e) a breech plug;
- (f) a pivotable carriage having a housing with a back;
- (g) a spring provided between said carriage and said breech plug;
- (h) ~~means a spacer~~ provided between said spring and said breech plug ~~for receiving an igniter~~;
- (i) a firing pin; and
- (j) means for moving said firing pin through said pivotable carriage.

13. (Currently amended) The improved firearm of Claim 12, wherein said ~~receiving~~ ~~means~~ spacer comprises:

- (a) a spool having a shaft provided with a top and a bottom, wherein said top is provided with a first opening, wherein said bottom is provided with a second opening, wherein said second opening is larger than said first opening; and
- (b) ~~a wherein said spring is~~ coupled to said bottom of said spool.

14. (Original) The improved firearm of Claim 13, further comprising a first flange coupled to said top of said spool and a second flange coupled to said bottom of said spool, further comprising means for preventing passage of said first flange and said second flange past a predetermined point.

15. (Currently amended) The improved firearm of Claim 12, ~~wherein said igniter comprises~~ further comprising a resilient jacket provided around a primer an igniter and between said spacer and said breech plug.

16. (Currently amended) The improved firearm of Claim 12, ~~further comprising an wherein said igniter~~ provided between said receiving means and said breech plug.

17. (Currently amended) The improved firearm of Claim 16, further comprising means for pivoting said carriage enough ~~to force said igniter against said breech plug sufficiently to motivate said receiving means toward said back against a bias of said springs~~ sufficiently to compress said spring.

18. (Original) The improved firearm of Claim 12, further comprising a hammer secured to said firing pin.

19. (Currently amended) An improved action in a firearm having a grip, a receiver, a forwardly extending barrel and a trigger, the improvement comprising:

- (a) a frame;
- (b) a hammer pivotably coupled to said frame;
- (c) a carriage;
- (d) a breech plug;
- (e) a spring provided on said carriage;
- (f) ~~means a spacer coupled to said spring for receiving an igniter; and~~

(g) means coupled to said spring for compressing said spring a predetermined distance ~~only when said carriage is fully-rotated with an igniter provided in contact with said breech plug into a firing position.~~

20. Original) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 19, further comprising means provided over said breech plug for directing primer shrapnel downward.